



16 March 2020

Medicine Supply Alert Notice

Phenelzine (Nardil) 15mg tablets

Priority: Level update

Valid until: No confirmed resupply date

Issue

1. Nardil (Phenelzine sulfate) 15mg tablets (MAOI), manufactured by Kyowa Kim, the sole UK supplier of Nardil (Phenelzine sulfate) 15mg tablets (MAOI) in the UK, are out of stock **with no confirmed resupply date**.

Advice and Actions

2. Specialist importer companies have advised they can continue to source unlicensed imports from abroad. Clinigen, Target, Alium, Mawdsleys, Durbin, WEP Clinical and Waymade can import unlicensed phenelzine tablets.

Additional Information

3. Please see guidance which UK Medicines Information previously published about management options including the need for specialist referral to mental health teams if unlicensed supplies of phenelzine sulfate 15mg tablets are deemed unsuitable:
<https://www.sps.nhs.uk/articles/shortage-of-phenelzine-15mg-tablets-nardil/>
6. For patients who do not have sufficient supplies of Nardil (phenelzine sulfate) 15mg to last until March 2020, clinicians should consider prescribing an unlicensed preparation of phenelzine sulfate 15mg tablets as soon as possible in order to avoid abrupt withdrawal. Clinicians will need to work with local pharmacies to understand more about the specific unlicensed products that can be sourced and associated lead times.
7. Unlicensed imports can be obtained through normal wholesaler routes. However, if pharmacies are unable to obtain supplies they are advised to contact specialist importer companies directly.
8. Clinicians should refer to the UKMI memo for advice on alternatives management options.

Enquiries

9. Enquiries from Health Boards or healthcare professionals should be directed in the first instance to PharmacyTeam@gov.scot (primary care) or NSS.NHSSMedicineShortages@nhs.net (secondary care).